

needy flying clubs, approved by Directorate General of Civil Aviation for conducting flying training for Commercial Pilot Licence.

Pilot training school at Gondia

†2119. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in view of acute shortage of pilots in the country, a decision has been taken to set up a state-of-art pilot training school in Gondia district of Vidarbha;
- (b) if so, whether collaboration have been made with any foreign company therein;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) by when this training school would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In order to select a suitable Joint Venture Partner, Expression of Interest (EoI) were invited by Airports Authority of India on global basis and seven bidders have been shortlisted, which include foreign companies also. Request for Proposal (RFP) have been issued to these bidders.

(d) Upgradation of infrastructure at Birsi airport in Gondia is expected to be complete by June, 2007. However, formation of the Joint Venture Company and other work of the Training Institute will be completed depending upon the response received from the prospective Joint Venture Partner.

New Airport at Karwar

2120. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to set up an airport at Karwar in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether other airports in Karnataka, particularly, Mangalore airport, is upgraded to facilitate operation of more high capacity international flights; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Government has no proposal to set up a civil airport at Karwar.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A new runway has been constructed at Mangalore airport for operation of AB-310 type of aircrafts. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has planned for construction of Integrated Terminal building at Mangalore airport for handling 500 passengers at a time. A greenfield airport at Devanhalli near Bangalore is already under construction and is expected to be commissioned in April 2008.

Referring of IA to BIFR

2121. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines is going to be referred to BIFR;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the profit earned by Indian Airlines for the last three financial years has been taken into consideration before referring the company to BIFR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Financial performance of Alliance Air/I.A.

2122. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of profit earned by Indian Airlines during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96, year-wise;

(b) whether Alliance Air, subsidiary of Indian Airlines submits separate balance sheet;